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GRAND RAPIDS CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS
ON WEAPONS CHARGE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Anthony Quinn McKnight, 23, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced today to 57 months in prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney Charles R. Gross announced today.

McKnight pled guilty on June 1, 2007, to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The weapons charge stemmed from a December 14, 2006 incident on Clancy Avenue in Grand Rapids, where officers of the Grand Rapids Police Department (“GRPD”) responded to reports of shots fired. GRPD officers encountered McKnight, who fit the description of the suspect, running away from the area concealing an object in his hand. McKnight was apprehended later that night after stopping briefly in the parking lot of an auto repair shop, where officers recovered a loaded .38 caliber revolver, which had been reported stolen. McKnight, who was on parole at the time of the offense, was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 29, 2007.

In addition to 57 months in prison, U.S. District Judge Janet T. Neff ordered McKnight to serve three years of supervised release and to pay a \$100 special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Gross commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Grand Rapids Police Department for their work in the case. Their joint

investigation was undertaken as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. This case was prosecuted on behalf of the United States of America by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elisa Castrolugo.

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